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Title: LIGNIN BASED COLLOIDAL COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231,
U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application in the following manner:

In the Disclosure:

Before the first line of the specification, add the following:

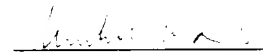
" REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

" This application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of
PCT/CA99/00155."

REMARKS

The specification has been amended on page 1 to reflect that this
application is a U.S. National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/CA99/00155.

Respectfully submitted,



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